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**IN THE CLAIMS:**

*Kindly rewrite the claims as follows, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121:*

1. to 72. (cancelled)

73. (previously presented) An isolated bacterium transformed with a DNA that encodes a protein comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 4.

74. (previously presented) The isolated bacterium of claim 73, wherein said DNA comprises the nucleotide sequence of nucleotide numbers 187 to 804 of SEQ ID NO: 3.

75. (previously presented) The isolated bacterium of claim 73, wherein the bacterium is further transformed with a second DNA that encodes a protein comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2.

76. (previously presented) The isolated bacterium of claim 75, wherein said second DNA comprises the nucleotide sequence of nucleotide numbers 557 to 1171 of SEQ ID NO: 1.

77. (previously presented) A method of producing an L-amino acid comprising  
A) cultivating the bacterium of claim 73 in a culture medium, and  
B) recovering said L-amino acid from the medium.

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78. (previously presented) A method of producing an L-amino acid comprising

- A) cultivating the bacterium of claim 74 in a culture medium, and
- B) recovering said L-amino acid from the medium.

79. (previously presented) A method of producing an L-amino acid comprising

- A) cultivating the bacterium of claim 75 in a culture medium, and
- B) recovering said L-amino acid from the medium.

80. (previously presented) A method of producing an L-amino acid comprising

- A) cultivating the bacterium of claim 76 in a culture medium, and
- B) recovering said L-amino acid from the medium.